

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Application: K. YANASE et al
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Group Art Unit: 2177
Examiner: S. Pannala
For: DATABASE PROCESSING SYSTEM, METHOD,
PROGRAM AND PROGRAM STORAGE DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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February 24, 2004

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application
as follows.